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No Other Town in the World the Size of Grants Pass Has a Paper With Full Leased Wire Telegraph Service.

## 3 AMERICANS CAPTURED BY BANDITS

Mexicans Who Crossed Border Are Reported to Have Carried Away Trio, Though 14 Invaders Were Killed

El Paso, July 8.—Three Americans are reported to have been captured and carried into Mexico by Mexican bandits who invaded the United States in the Big Bend country of Texas today and attacked the properties of the Puerto Rico Mining company. The American employees, with rifles, for a time stood off the bandits from a mine shed, but were forced to retreat to the foothills. Three are reported to have been captured by the raiders.

Tom Perrin telephoned from his Anapra, N. M., ranch this afternoon, claiming he and two employees killed fourteen Mexicans out of a party of 40 which crossed the border and drove off half a hundred head of Perrin's cattle.

Still a third raid, in which Carranzistas are said to have co-operated with the bandits, was reported to have taken place at Terlingua, Texas. Whether company K, Texas militia, which was stationed at Terlingua, engaged the bandits is not known here.

The raiders at the Puerto Rico mining place are said to have set fire to some of the buildings.

El Paso, July 8.—Fighting still is in progress near Boca, midway between Jimenez and Parral, between a Villista column under General Contreras and a Carranza force. Three thousand men are engaged on both sides, the Carranzistas attempting to check Villa's advance on Parral. Official announcement of the battle was made by General Francisco Gonzales, commander at Juarez, across the river, this afternoon.

Marathon, Texas, July 8.—Two truck drivers, held up by Mexicans near Boquillas, escaped from the bandits and hid in the brush, according to reports received here today. Their fate is unknown, as they have failed to report at Cable, to which place they were en route from the Del Carmen mines.

El Paso, July 8.—American truck drivers, employees of the International Mining company, were attacked by Carranza soldiers near Boquillas, Mex., but escaped unhurt to the American side of the border, according to a message the local office of the mining company received this afternoon. The Americans returned the fire and retained a truck load of bullion they were hauling to the border.

## SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION THREATENS MILITANCY

New York, July 8.—Possibility that the National American Woman Suffrage association may decide to become militant was hinted in a statement issued today by Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, president. The association meets at Atlantic City September 6 for its annual convention. Mrs. Catt intimated that a great sentiment has developed in favor of carrying on a national political fight for the passage of the Susan B. Anthony amendment or for a federal amendment permitting women to vote, possibly abandoning all other suffrage movements.

A few years ago the association, which always has been known as conservative, broke with the Congressional union because of the latter's militancy in fighting solely for a federal amendment.

## GEN. JACINTO TREVINO.

Carranza Commander Who Ordered Perishing Out of Mexico.



## GOV. HI JOHNSON WILL SUPPORT G. O. P. NOMINEE

San Francisco, July 8.—California progressives were urged to act collectively in both the democratic and republican parties by Governor Hiram W. Johnson, in a speech at the progressive state conference here this afternoon.

The governor declared that if progressives did not act in concert, their legislation, won while the party was in power here, might be lost. He said that while the progressive national party has ceased to exist, progressivism still lives, and that progressives will keep fighting until both the old parties are imbued with their principles.

Johnson left the former bull moose adherents to decide for themselves which candidate—Hughes or Wilson—to support. He said he would enlarge on his personal reasons for upholding Hughes later on.

In conclusion, the governor reviewed his work in office and said he always had done his best in spite of attacks of his enemies and efforts of "millionaire newspaper owners" and politicians to sway him. The approval of the plain people, he asserted, meant more to him than the advocacy of all the "millionaire newspaper owners."

## GERMAN TRADE SHIPS ATTACKED

Berlin, via Sayville, July 8.—A submerged enemy submarine attacked without warning nine peaceful German trade ships en route to Swinemunde, July 2, but the German ships had a lucky escape, said an official statement from the admiralty. The attack occurred south of the island of Oeland.

"The torpedo wake was clearly observed; also two strong whirlpools caused by the firing of the torpedo," said the statement. "Happily the torpedo passed between two ships. Armed patrol boats immediately went in pursuit of the submarine."

A special dispatch from Berlin today reported indications that Germany was preparing a record of submarine attacks on German merchant vessels, possibly with a view to presenting them to neutral powers as a forerunner of the resumption of submarine activities. United Press dispatches from Berlin two weeks ago brought the first word of the renewal of agitation in Germany for a revival of the von Tirpitz policy of submarine.

## INCREASE PRICE FOR 1917 CROP OF BEETS

Bishop C. W. Nibley, of the Utah-Idaho Sugar Company, in the City From Salt Lake Yesterday, Announced a Voluntary and Unsolicited Raise in Schedule, With a Sliding Scale, That Will Swell Profits of the Farmers

Bishop C. W. Nibley, head of the great sugar making companies of Utah and other western states, arrived in Grants Pass from Salt Lake City Saturday morning, accompanied by his two sons, Merrill and Carlyle Nibley, and has spent the day in looking over the valley. On their arrival here the gentlemen were met by Alex Nibley, manager of the local factory of the Utah-Idaho company, and by Dr. Nibley, and the four sons and the father made a comfortable auto load that held a family reunion as it toured over the Rogue valley highways.

The first act of the bishop as he stepped from the train, and before he had left the depot grounds, was to authorize the Courier to announce a material increase in the price which the company would pay for beets next season, the increase being a voluntary one, made possible because of the advances in the price of sugar. The contracts entered into between the sugar company and the growers established a price of \$5 per ton for beets giving 15 per cent of sugar. These were for a period of five years, but when Manager Cutler was here recently he modified this by reducing the sugar content required under the flat price to 12 per cent. Now comes the new proposition of Bishop Nibley which makes a radical increase in the price to be paid the grower for beets grown next season, the minimum being raised from \$5 to \$5.50 per ton for beets giving from 12 to 15 per cent of sugar, while a further concession is the agreement to add 10 cents per ton for each one-half per cent of sugar over 15. In other words, a sliding scale is established that makes beets of 16 per cent sugar content worth \$5.70 to the grower, with increases for each half per cent. Beets that will analyze 20 per cent in sugar will return the grower \$6.50 per ton. These prices are for the beets at the factory or on board cars at shipping point, except where special arrangements have been necessary because of extra long auto or rail haul.

After a brief visit to the factory which is now in process of building in South Grants Pass, Bishop Nibley, accompanied by his four sons and by F. S. Bramwell, field superintendent for the company, left for the upper part of the valley, going by way of Sam's valley, where they inspected the fields of beets growing in that district. They later returned from Medford by way of the Applegate valley west of Grants Pass. Merrill Nibley, who is assistant general manager of the Utah-Idaho Sugar company, with its 16 factories, will remain in the city for a day or two, but Bishop Nibley left last evening on his return to Salt Lake City.

At the factory site the visitors found a scene of activity. The lesser

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## SUPER-OFFENSIVE OF THE ALLIED ARMIES ENTERS UPON SECOND WEEK

London, July 8.—The super-offensive of the allied armies entered its second week today with the allies everywhere attacking and maintaining their early gains at practically every point, despite heavy enemy counter-attacks.

A heavy downpour of rain throughout yesterday afternoon converted the battle ground on both sides of the Somme into a great sea of mud last night and seriously hampered operations. Despite this handicap, the French war office today claimed slight further progress south of the Somme with the taking of 400 prisoners.

The British troops north of the Somme, after scoring successes against the Germans in yesterday's fighting, contented themselves last night with improving their positions. The fighting at the village of Contalmaison reached a deadlock during the night with the British holding the western and the Germans the eastern part of the ruined town.

No official estimates of either the German or British losses have been made by the war office since the offensive began at 7:30 last Saturday morning, July 1, but the Germans are unofficially reported to have lost from 30,000 to 40,000 in killed and wounded besides nearly 20,000 taken prisoners by the British and French. Special despatches from Paris today report that 5,000 Prussian Guardsmen, the flower of the kaiser's army, were killed in the early days of the fighting, but this may be an exaggeration.

General Haig reported that in the last few days the British have captured twenty guns, 51 machine guns, numerous automatic rifles, trench mortars, mine throwers and other war material.

The operations on the Russian front where the Slav offensive continues to spread and develop in power, are being watched with the greatest interest here. London military critics are certain that the retirement of General von Bothmer's army under Russian pressure in eastern Galicia, is now but a matter of days.

On the other hand, wild rumors that the Austro-Germans have begun a general retreat from Riga to southeastern Galicia are discredited by all reliable news sources and are not borne out in official despatches from Petrograd. London has high hopes for the success of the new Slav offensive, but does not entertain the belief that General von Hindenburg's line can be smashed with the same ease as was General Pflanzer's in Bukovina.

General Haig's report this afternoon announced minor engagements on the British front extending northward from Ancre brook.

At Gommecourt, the scene of heavy fighting at the opening of the allied drive, British field guns and trench mortars bombarded German trenches last night. Near Neuville-St. Vaast, north of Arras and north of Roellincourt the Germans were active yesterday and last night. They exploded a mine northeast of Neuville without causing any damage and exploded craters near the Hohenzollern redoubt with no advantage.

Northeast of Hulluch a British mine destroyed an enemy gallery.

British aeroplanes gave valuable service yesterday despite the unfavorable weather. They aided in important reconnaissance work and wrecked an enemy hangar, besides doing other material damage.

## WILLIAM E. BORAH.

Senator From Idaho Will Campaign For Hughes.



Photo by American Press Association.

## AUSTRIAN FORCE NEAR KOLOMEA IS CUT OFF BY SLAVS

Petrograd, July 8.—An Austrian force, estimated at between 20,000 and 30,000, has been cut off by the Russians southwest of Kolomea. The Austrians were massed east of the railway leading southward through Jablonitzka pass. The sudden dash of a Russian infantry body that seized the railway station of Mikuliczyn, cut off their retreat to the south. The right wing of the same Russian army advancing westward upon Nadvorna severed their communication with the Austrian forces to the north.

The latest reports to the war office said that Russian troops were attempting to squeeze the Austrians against the foothills of the eastern Carpathians and effect their capture before they can escape through the mountain passes.

Russian aeroplane scouts report the withdrawal of enemy heavy artillery on the right wing of General von Bothmer's Austro-German army. There are other indications that von Bothmer hard pressed by the Russians advancing on Nadvorna and Stanislav, is preparing to fall back on the whole Galician frontier.

From the Volhynian battle ground northward, the Germans continue a most stubborn defense. On the Riga-Drinsk front in the fighting around Sokul, where the Russians have made further progress, the Germans are counter-attacking with great vigor.

## GERMANY WORRIED OVER ALLIED GAINS

London, July 8.—The London newspapers printed several dispatches from Holland and Denmark today indicating increased public anxiety in Germany on account of the western and eastern offensives of the allies.

The kaiser, one English correspondent reported, is traveling from front to front, conferring with his generals, each advising against the reduction of his forces for the benefit of others.

Another correspondent wired that the crown prince is being blamed for persisting in the Verdun offensive while his forces are urgently needed in the Somme. Military circles in Germany, he reported, are discontented because of Austria's weakness.

To complete the picture of pessimism, several English correspondents agreed that the food situation in Germany is growing more serious. The Frankfurter Zeitung was quoted as saying that the great fight for victory or defeat has only begun.

## RETREAT OF AUSTRIANS CONTINUES

Russians Maintain Their Great Drive Against the Central Powers, and Capture Villages and Prisoners

Petrograd, July 8.—Capture of 1,000 additional prisoners and occupation of the villages of Letchinevka, Griva and Grevorov was announced by the war office this afternoon.

"North of the lower Lipa an Austrian offensive was repulsed. In Galicia east of Monosterwiska and Koropetz, the Russians continue to press back the enemy's lines."

London, July 8.—Large number of Austrian troops who were cut off by the Russian advance into Bukovina have crossed into Roumania, with arms and equipment, and are being interned at Dobruja, the Rome correspondent of the Daily Telegraph reports.

Berlin, via Wireless to Sayville, July 8.—Austrian troops have retreated from their advanced lines in the bend of the river Stry in Volhynia before greatly superior Russian forces, said an official statement from the Austrian war office, received here today.

Petrograd, July 8.—Russian troops have captured the villages of Doljitsie, Meruziatin and Manewitch, in the region of Kolki, in hot bayonet fighting, the war office announced today.

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## NO SETTLEMENT OF STRIKE IN VIEW

Virginia, Minn., July 8.—Five thousand striking iron ore miners at Aurora, Biwabik, Mesaba, McKinley, Eiba, Gilbert, Genoa, Eveleth, Virginia, Kinney, Nashauk, Hibbing and Chisholm today seemed little nearer solution of their strike than one month ago, when the differences that have caused three deaths and four injuries started. Practically every underground property in the Mesaba iron ore range is closed. Open pits are working a few men with steam shovels, but the majority of mining on the range is underground.

County Attorney Warren Green today said he would charge agitators of the strike that resulted in the killing on the range with first degree murder.

Picketing continued today, with hundreds of miners keeping watch, but without riots. All the vast territory affected is in one county. The sheriff has 1,000 armed deputies, who fairly well control the situation.

Elizabeth Gurley Flynn and other labor leaders, "Big Bill" Haywood and other I. W. W. leaders from Chicago are expected on the range today. Sheriff Meining asked that they not come. The absence of any agitators and the disarmament of all except his 1,000 deputies, he said today, probably would solve the difficulties.

Miners today asked for a conference with operators. They claim they are willing to submit arbitration to a board. Practically every strike leader was in jail at Duluth today.

The kitchen and rear of the home of Tom Koblach, a miner who did not quit work, was blown away by dynamite at 3 a. m. today. Angelo Menana, Italian striker, was arrested on suspicion this afternoon. Koblach and his family narrowly escaped death.